

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2006

1345 US 31 N
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 10:05 am.

Bkwenenjige by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Theresa Keshick.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow and Michael Givens.

Absent: John Bott and Laura Blumberg, both excused.

Quorum established.

Staff: Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

Motion made by Commissioner Givens, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow, to
adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).
Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow, supported by Commissioner Givens, to
adopt the minutes of February 25, 2006 as presented and amended.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).
Motion passed.

Opened public comment at 10:26 am.

Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Cheryl Kishigo, Theresa Keshick and Michael Givens

Closed public comment at 10:29 am.

Council feedback

Distributed information received from the Tribal Council's office.

Economic Development Department staff report.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed business venture to be located in Bell's
parking lot.

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Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to have Secretary Givens submit a letter of recommendation to Al Colby, Jr, Tribal Administrator, regarding a proposed hot dog business venture in Mackinaw City, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).
Motion passed.

Reviewed the Profit and Loss statements received for Biindigen, Bell's Fishery and Kings Inn.

Discussion was held regarding Kings Inn and the projected opening for the 2006 season.

Discussion was held regarding the Tax Agreement issues concerning changing to vouchers, disabled tribal member purchases and the fuel/tobacco exemptions.

Break at 11:37 am.

Reconvene at 12:07 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the fuel supplier for the station and that reports need to be sent on a timely basis.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the staff verbal and written report, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).
Motion passed.

Chair report

The meeting with Northwood University was cancelled on March 9th; need to reschedule this meeting to a date that Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Administrator Al Colby, Jr. and Chief Financial Officer Val Tweedie will be available.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to authorize travel and stipend for those commissioners attending the Native American Finance Officers Association Convention in Las Vegas on May 3rd to the 5th, 2006, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).
Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to accept the Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Chair Kishigo), 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair report – no report.

Treasurer's report

Discussion was held regarding the revenue and expense report for the commission.

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Motion made by Commissioner Givens to accept the Treasurer's verbal report, supported by Chair Kishigo.

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow), 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).

Motion passed.

Secretary report – no report.

Annual Meeting

Discussed what the commission will be doing for the Annual Meeting on May 13, 2006 at the Petoskey Middle School.

CDFI

The Community Development Financial Institution grant has been received. Staff will develop a record book for the CDFI.

Strategic plan – tabled.

Open public comment at 12:57 pm.

Close public comment at 12:57 pm. – no comment.

Closed session – no closed session.

Next meeting will be held on April 8th, 2006 in the conference room at 1345 US 31 N beginning at 9:30 am.

Commissioner Givens will arrange lunch.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adjourn the meeting, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Vice-Chair Bott, Commissioner Blumberg).

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Michael Givens, Secretary